

Families First in Numbers
Updated Information from June 2005

Current number of Assistance Groups: 70,692

Current number of adults: 53,924

Current number of children: 133,625

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,159

Closures in June:

total closures: 4,604

closures for 18 month time limits: 241

closures for sanctions: 992 (ask Kerry)

work-related sanctions: 953

other sanctions: 39

closures for employment: 1,118

Time limit closures since Families First started: 11,575

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 10,937

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$663.99

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$167.92

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.